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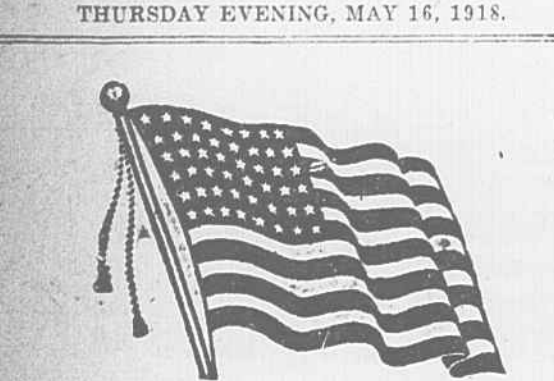
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Then join in hands, brave Americans all,
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.

OUR ALWAYS ALERT RED CROSS CHAPTER.

IT should always be a matter of pride in Fairmont that the city's Red Cross work was on the jump before actual necessity stood with empty hands waiting to be served. Before the first draft contingent went marching down Cleveland avenue on the way to the railway station the Red Cross headquarters room was the scene of general activity. This has not been true of the large majority of the small inland cities. It is very natural that the cities of the east which witnessed the passing of the troop trains to the coast, the assembling of soldiers from all points north, south, east and west, the splendid marching columns swinging by, should be inspired and thrilled to instant action. But with the exception of the brief encampment here of the First West Virginia infantry, Fairmont has had none of the stirring pageantry of a nation going to war.

Fairmont has never seen an aeroplane for war service, has never seen a field piece, has never seen an army truck. Ohio is now making extraordinary efforts to finish a bad piece of road so that the army equipment and ambulances may pass quietly on their way to the coast. All of these things move people to action. We had none of it, and the chances are will have none of it, and yet the city has been loyal and instant in response.

Our Red Cross chapter has provided enough supplies in advance to take care of every wounded West Virginia boy if such supplies were to be confined to our own alone. Our women were quick to see the situation and determined that Fairmont should not lag behind. Thousands and thousands of surgical dressings have been made and expressed to Washington. Thousands of hospital garments have been finished and sent on. Every garment sent out is worth at least \$1.00; convalescent robes, operating robes and pajama suits are valued at \$2.50. The surgical dressings have required hundreds of dollars worth of gauze. Wool is worth \$3.60 per pound, and our chapter has used thousands of pounds of it since last August.

The Red Cross funds are exhausted. Fairmont people and auxiliary districts are not going to see this enormous work falter after such tremendous accomplishment. We have begun nobly and the day that peace is declared will see the most active part of Fairmont's Red Cross career close nobly.

GERMANY'S POLITICAL DESIGNS.

HAVING annexed the Russian Baltic provinces, compelled the Emperor of Austria to pass under the yoke, grabbed the petroleum fields of Rumania, overrun the Ukraine so that its rich agricultural districts and busy cities are practically Prussian dependencies, if Emperor William could stop the war even by voluntarily taking his armies out of France and Belgium and granting the Italians some of the Austrian territory they claim, he would be able to boast that he is the most successful conqueror in history. Others overrun more territory, but none ever won as rich a prize.

It is an amazing situation that has unfolded in central Europe within the past few weeks. It is, however, not a surprise. Andre Cheradame, a French publicist of much distinction, warned his countrymen years ago what was going on in the back of the heads of the Potsdam plotters, but not even the French took him seriously. About eighteen months ago political and economic developments took such a turn in central Europe that even the most heedless could not help but see the tendency. One of the first of President Wilson's statements with regard to the situation in Europe was to warn Americans of the Kaiser's ambitious project to Prussianize central Europe, the Balkan country and western Asia.

It is surprising, however, that the German government

RUFF STUFF

If there are any crooks mixed up in the aircraft affair bet they began to make plans for a long sojourn in jail the minute they learned Hughes is to run the investigation.

"Giggling fish is unlawful"—Headline.

Wonder if that applies when the rigger gets no fish?

If it does not let us out a lot of fellows who want a good excuse to spend a night out playing poker and getting pleasantly liquored up.

The war stopped but the Red Cross seems only now to be getting its gait.

Next week you will be able to show how patriotic you really are.

Antislavery special from Parkersburg says yesterday's meeting of the Demmy state committee was "possibly the largest, most enthusiastic and harmonious meeting of the Democ-

That W. V. U. baseball team is the real thing.

If the Athletic committee had known in advance how good it was going to be maybe athletic relations with other West Virginia teams would not have been interrupted so soon.

On Monday next it will be three weeks since the Teut infantry struck a lick on the West front.

Wonder if they are tired of the war?

As far as the men in the ranks are concerned they probably are.

But they are going to be darned sick of it before they are permitted to get out.

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tic State Executive committee in the history of the state."

Which shows that either the reporter does not know enthusiasm when he sees it or he never attended a meeting of that body during the days when the state was good and wet.

Not to imply, however, that Parkersburg is exactly dry even now.

Far from it; far from it.

But with the nearest bar room several miles up the river it is longer between drinks than when it is under the same roof.

And that makes a difference in the enthusiasm.

It has been estimated that if the forests of the earth were completely stocked and scientifically worked they would yield annually the full equivalent of 120 times the present consumption of coal.

Editorial Comment

on Current Subjects

WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING.

From the Baltimore Sun.
That statement showing the expenditures of the Red Cross for the last year, printed in The Sun yesterday, constitutes an amazing record. Some people have been asking what the Red Cross did with the \$100,000,000 raised a year ago. As a matter of fact, the sum subscribed in response to the appeal of last June was in excess of \$110,000,000. Seventeen millions of it went back to the chapters raising it for local work. This left \$92,000,000 available for appropriation, of which all but \$10,000,000 had been appropriated on April 15. A large sum, truly, this \$82,000,000; but considering the variety of work done and the extent of territory covered not too large—not large enough, in fact!

Consider first the territory in which the Red Cross has worked. France, Belgium, Italy, Russia, Rumania, Serbia, Armenia, Poland, Palestine, England and Canada, as well as this country. And then consider the variety of work. Hospitals, canteens, rest-houses; ambulances, medical and surgical supplies, care of convalescents; relief of soldiers' families, disaster emergency service; food for starving children and refugees and prisoners; reconstruction of villages and general relief work in devastated areas; care of tubercular patients and the prevention of tuberculosis; transportation, sanitary service, guarding cantonments; surgical dressings, bandages, compresses; sweaters, helmets, socks—these are some of the items.

Here is a brief summary of what the Red Cross did in France alone in April:

Established nine rest stations on the American lines of communication and seven canteens on the French lines, furnishing 408,000 meals. Nine metropolitan canteens served 454,000 meals.

Established a complete new hospital with 200 beds in a chateau immediately behind the front. Established three more dispensaries at ports. It worked on the erection of a hospital of 500 beds at a famous race track near Paris.

Added 80 beds to an American hospital in Paris, 75 to one at Neuilly, 100 to Military Hospital No. 1, 100 to Military Hospital No. 2 and 60 to Military Hospital No. 3.

Opened convalescent homes at Cannes and Biarritz. Nineteen artificial arms and 169 artificial legs were distributed gratis. Much assistance was given to a large number of French hospitals, with special attention to those containing American wounded. These hospitals received 543 boxes, containing 2,500 surgical instruments, 1,000 mattresses, 4,500 pillows, 4,592 sheets, 1,200 sweaters, 325 beds, 10,538 suits of underwear, 1,456 blankets and 1,200 shirts.

Established a shower bath institution for Americans at the front, with equipment for removing vermin, which was put into operation in six days. It has a capacity of 25,000 men weekly. Two laundries were installed at aviation camps of sufficient size to wash the clothes of a thousand men weekly. Six field kitchens, each with a capacity of 5,000 men daily, were opened to furnish food for soldiers going to and returning from the battle front.

It distributed 691,000 bags of tobacco and packages of cigarettes.

Operated fourteen farms at American hospital centers.

Supplied 425,000 hot drinks in fourteen traveling canteens in the advanced sections. Six canteens in the advanced one of the French army furnished food, drink and supplies of all kinds free for 450,000 American, French and British soldiers.

It took over all the relief and entertainment work at all hospitals, relieving the Young Men's Christian Association of a large amount of work which it had been doing.

In the meantime all its other activities went on at full swing.

Considering the magnitude of the work the wonder grows, not that \$80,000,000 should have been required for this eleven months' work in all of these lands, at a time when the cost of everything has risen so tremendously and under conditions which required prompt work at whatever cost, but that that sum should have gone so far.

Remember these things when you are asked to subscribe to the new fund of \$100,000,000 for which an appeal is now made. Or rather, don't wait to be asked. Go to one of the booths that were opened in various sections of Baltimore yesterday and hand in your subscription. Count it a privilege and not a duty.

And remember this also. The American Red Cross is, by act of Congress, the official medium of communication between the people of the United States and their army and navy. The President of the United States is the president of the Red Cross. It does a work that is just as important in the prosecution of the war as firing guns or going over the top or sinking submarines. In fact, no guns could be fired, no men could go over the top, no submarines could be sunk, but for the work of the Red Cross. It is absolutely essential. The army and the navy would collapse tomorrow if it ceased its efforts.

This means that your boy, if you have one in France, would inevitably suffer or die if the Red Cross did not lend him its helping hand. It means that he will be made the less comfortable in exactly the proportion that full support is withheld from the Red Cross. It means that with full support accorded it he will have every chance that any man engaged in warfare of this kind can have.

And, in a true sense, we all have boys in France. These splendid young men are fighting for us; they are suffering hardships and risking their lives for us. They are all our boys. Will we go back on them?

SCHOOL PLAY A SUCCESS.

A large audience was present last evening at the White school and torium to witness the play entitled "Uncle Sam's Visit" which was given by the pupils of that school. The play was a pronounced success and was greatly enjoyed by the audience. In addition to the play a number of folk dances, drills and songs featured the program. The Junior public school orchestra made its initial appearance on this occasion and rendered several selections in a splendid manner.

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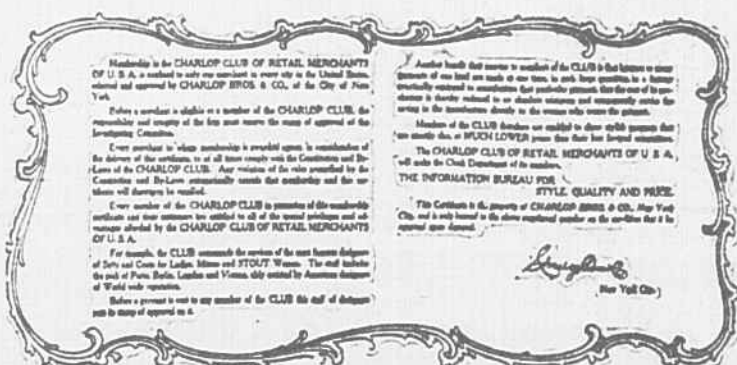
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MARION COUNTY WOMEN
THANKED.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 13.—(Editor The West Virginian).—From a standpoint of news, we are late in making public acknowledgement of the services of the Woman's Liberty Loan committee of the city of Fairmont and of the county of Marion and towns thereof. It has been due to the overwhelming routine that followed the concluding of so splendid a drive made by the women of forty-one counties of the state which resulted in a grand total of nine million nine hundred and two thousand dollars to which Fairmont and Marion county were among those carrying off the laurels, holding third place and making as high a per capita contribution as any county in the state.

Withal it was a glorious victory for the state and nation and the women have demonstrated not only their loyalty, but great efficiency in doing valiant and necessary service toward winning the war.

Like the other counties of the state, we rejoice that this women's organization, hold themselves as did the Minute Men of 1776, ready to answer their country's call "upon the alarm," and that the work of the Red Cross, the Council of Defense, War Savings and Thrift stamps, census taking, food conservation, the next bond sale or other agencies of the war will find them ready to give as faithful account of themselves as they did in the bond sale concluded so successfully on May 4th.

The money raised was probably the least service rendered by a noble band of organized women in West Virginia. They have carried into the homes of the state the spirit of patriotism. They have taught the lesson of conservation that will preserve our resources for future exigencies of our soldiers and our allies. They have laid the foundation of thrift that will enrich the nation. They have built up a morale at home that will not only sustain, but will be reflected in our army. They have sent the message to the enemy that the women of West Virginia will buy and sell bonds.

"As long as our country needs a gun To charge upon the advancing Hun." And that for the state it can always be said that.

"West Virginia whom Freedom bore Is yet on guard at Freedom's door." Personally, we wish to thank each and every woman of your city, your Mrs. J. A. Meredith, who called the roll of your patriotic women who hastened to answer "Here!" and those who did their whole duty. I am hoping to have your entire list forwarded to me to be filed with the records of this office.

It has been a privilege to have been a part of such wonderful achievement and promise as the women of West Virginia have wrought and for it we will always be grateful as well as for the faith you now have in yourselves and pleasure in duty done.

Cordially,

LINA SIMPSON POFFENBARGER,
(Mrs. George Poffenbarger), Chair-
man Woman's Liberty Loan Com-
mittee, West Virginia.

Two thousand car loads of German agricultural machinery are to be sent to Russia this spring to be used in growing food for Germany, according to the Breslau Volksrecht. A large quantity of plows and machinery on the way to Holland has been sent to Russia instead.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

Antonio Cioltola Home on Furlough

Antonio Cioltola, one of the Fairmont boys to leave this city on March 4 for Camp Greenleaf, later transferred to Camp Upton, N. Y., arrived in Fairmont yesterday to spend a several day furlough with local friends. He is well known here having been engaged in contracting work before entering military service.

He is in the medical department and likes his work fine. Two of the men leaving this city in his contingent Frank Everett and Curt Amos are now in France.

Mrs. Summers' Funeral Friday.
Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Elizabeth Summers whose death occurred yesterday will be held on Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at her home in Belview avenue. Dr. H. G.

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Mrs. Johnson Tells How Husband Sick in Bed Was Wonderfully Helped by This Excellent Old Fashioned Remedy.

GIVES IT TO CHILDREN NOW AS
A TONIC—HE IS AGAIN
AT WORK.

"My husband was off work for about six weeks suffering with congestion of the lungs, a gripe, and a general breakdown, and was confined to his bed for three solid weeks," says Mrs. T. A. Johnson, R. F. D., St. Clairsville, Ohio.

"I didn't know what to give him but started on Hypo Cod because his brother John here in St. Clairsville had been helped so much by it and my husband now is so enthusiastic about this fine medicine he recommends it to everyone and says the first bottle he took did him more good than all the doctor's medicine he ever had prescribed."

By the time he had finished the third bottle he was up out of bed, feeling just as fine as ever, and was back to work after nearly two months' mighty tough time of it. It did him so much good I took a taste one day and it was so pleasant I started giving it to the children as a tonic, and

it is simply wonderful what Hypo Cod will do for folks that are weak and not feeling well," continued this farmer's wife, who, like thousands of others, endorses Hypo Cod.

GENUINELY GOOD REMEDY.

Hypo Cod is a compound containing the medicinal and tonic extracts of fresh cod livers, freed from the sickening, nauseating parts, and everyone knows what a splendid element this is, and combined with the cod liver elements are cherry bark, malt extract, syrup of hypophosphates of lime, potassium, iron, manganese, strychnine, quinine and sodium, which everyone knows are just exactly what a person needs if rundown, troubled with loss of appetite, indigestion, weakness, chronic coughs, bronchitis, nervous prostration, blood disorders, etc. Then, to make it pleasant to take and to hold this splendid combination in solution, extra sherry wine is added. Get a bottle at Fairmont Pharmacy, Crane's drug store, Martin's drug store, H. H. drug store, Mountain City Drug Co. or Hall Drug company.

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